



Welcome to Worship
Sunday, March 21, 2020 — 8:00 a.m.
*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference
in Seward and Beyond*



Words of Welcome and Announcements:

See announcement flyer.



Prelude

Deb Snell

Peace of Christ Blessing

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship during this season of Lent.

P: We gather today seeking to understand how to be better disciples.

L: We give thanks for the cloud of witnesses who have embodied faithfulness to Jesus in their daily lives.

P: May we learn from disciples who made a difference in order that we also may make a difference.

^R Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!

¹ Worship and remember
to keep the Sabbath day.
Take a rest and think of God;
put your work away! *(R)*

² Worship and remember
our God's unending care,
reaching out to love and help
people everywhere! *(R)*

³ Worship and remember
your blessing great and small.
Give to God an offering;
show your thanks for all! *(R)*

⁵ Worship and remember
that God is like a light,
showing you the way to go;
ever burning bright! *(R)*

Our Common Prayer

God of Sunday Mornings and Ordinary Work Days, we thank you for the example of Archbishop Oscar Romero, for the way that worship was a means of grace in his life, for how the study of the gospel compelled him to give voice to the voiceless. Grant that worship will be a means of grace in our lives, that we might be mindful of your steadfast abiding love when we gather. May our worship compel us to lives of service to make a difference for a world in need. In Jesus' name, amen.

Children's Time

Pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm

Scripture Lesson - Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

² Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

³ Know that God is God.
It is God that made us, and we belong to God,
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴ Enter the gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks, bless God's name.

⁵ For God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves

with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Hymn

Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands xx

Clap your hands xx

Sing a new song in celebration (repeat)

Clap you hands xx

Clap your hands xx

God is great we praise our God with song

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Message

Disciples Worship

Pastor May Kay Totty

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, forgive us the times we do not make you a priority, when we put other things ahead of worship and service. Forgive us for taking You for granted. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news! God is ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess.

We are forgiven.

People: **We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Prayer: Type in your joys/concerns or text to 402-810-8900.

Music for Prayer

As the Deer

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As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;

to you along may my spirit yield.

You alone are my hearts desire, and I long to worship you.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

We give generously of our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness.

To make a gift in support of our continued ministry during the global pandemic, please place your offering in the box near the front door, or visit sewardumc.org and click on the 'donate' button.

Prayer of Dedication

Receive O God the offerings we bring with glad and generous hearts. Grant that they will be used for the ministries of this congregation as we seek to make disciples who make a difference in Seward and beyond. For all that is entrusted to us, we give thanks. Amen.

Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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¹ The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

² We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

³ We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

⁴ Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

Benediction

Pastor Mary Kay Totty

Postlude

Deb Snell

The People of God Go Forth to Serve

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